GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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LPG OUTLETS IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any plans to supply small 5 kg LPG cylinders for the consumers in Tamil Nadu ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; (

(c) whether the Government has any plans to start new LPG outlets in Tamil Nadu in the next marketing plan ;

(d) if so, the details thereof and also the details of LPG outlets in Tamil Nadu, Company-wise, district-wise ;

(e) whether many of the newly started LPG retail outlets in Tamil Nadu have recorded sales below optimum level of viability ;

(f) if so, the details thereof ;

(g) the total quantity and value of LPG sold in Tamil Nadu in the last three years, company-wise ; and

(h) the details of individual LPG retail outlets sales recorded of Rs. 50 lakhs and above in the last three years, company-wise ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b) : Government have allowed Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) to sell 5 kg LPG cylinders for domestic purpose to low income group customers in the country. OMCs have identified certain markets particularly in rural and hilly areas in the initial phase, including Tamil Nadu, to sell 5 kg cylinders.

(c) & (d) : Consequent upon the dismantling of Administered Pricing Mechanism (APM), OMCs will set up LPG distributorships as per their commercial considerations in all the States including Tamil Nadu.

(e) & (f) : At present, 61 LPG distributorships are operating below viability level in the Tamil Nadu.

(g) : The total sale of LPG by OMCs in the State during the last three years is as under:-

Year	Total sale of LPG (in TMT)
1999-2000	512.45
2000-2001	643.51
2001-2002	716.39

(h) : In Tamil Nadu, 384 distributors of OMCs have recorded their annual sales more than Rs. 50 lakhs during the year 2001-2002.